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CENTRAL PRESS ABOLISHED

OASIS

INEFFICIENT - UNION ALLEGED

By Ibrahim Ariff

The Australian Universities' Press, a newsagency of the University Students' newspapers throughout Australia, has been abolished.

The resolution to abolish this four-year-old agency was unanimously passed by all editors of the University newspapers at the recent Press Editors' Conference held in Melbourne on May 27 and 28.

With this decision, the A.U.P.'s Trust Scheme also came to an end.

In a report submitted by the National Union of Australian University Students Vice-President and Public Relations Officer, Miss Joan L. Sawyers, it was stated that the A.U.P. had to be abolished because it failed to comply with the Union's demands and regulations.

"The A.U.P. has proved itself incapable of administering its activities in any great efficiency," Miss Sawyers alleged.

Henceforth a new Secretariat has been established to carry out the various activities including those which the A.U.P. had failed to administer.

The new secretariat is now officed in a special six-roomed building situated in the vicinity of the Melbourne University which had earlier been presented to the NUAUS.

To some universities it was quite strange that such sudden decision had to be made to abolish the A.U.P. although just before the conference the various editors were expected to withdraw from the A.U.P.

In the case of WORONI this was nothing "abrupt." WORONI had, since last year, withdrawn from A.U.P. and its Trust Scheme, indicating that the paper could as well do without it.

A lengthy report tabled at the Conference by the A.U.P. secretary, Mr. David H. Solomon, explained the various reasons of the A.U.P.'s failure to make good.

One of the factors outlined by Mr. Solomon was that the A.U.P. received no co-operation among existing university press editors. Another reason which also accounted for the failure of A.U.P. to administer its activities efficiently was the fact that officials of the A.U.P. had been separately stationed and thus made the work practically difficult.

Nevertheless, whatever the reasons might have been in favour of A.U.P. the editors ruled that the agency was not in any way of use any more.

The Conference placed all the confidence in the newly established secretariat and the editors unanimously pledged to give their whole-hearted support to make it a success.

The A.U.P. was founded in 1957 as an undergraduate agency to service all university newspapers. Its task since then was to supply news materials, features, releases, photographic copy and technical advice to all the editors.

Although the agency had undeniably published numerous articles or supplements which had been distributed in conjunction with some university newspapers, it seemed to have been suffering from a symptom of careless attitude from the various editors, directors and co-ordinating bodies.

It was the lack of co-operation as well as a strong central authority which had reduced all the possibilities of the A.U.P. being an efficient and helpful body.

Finally when support and enthusiasm was no longer present among the elements in the operation of this body it became therefore a white elephant and a victim of contempt.

Notwithstanding the failure and the various other factors which finally brought about the end of A.U.P., the editors however felt that the secretary had really played his part and therefore virtually deserved the credit.

The winding up of the A.U.P. Trust Company meant that the various university newspapers throughout Australia which had earlier become the financial members of the A.U.P. had now been able to withdraw their financial contributions.

The Conference which highlighted both the abolishing of A.U.P. and the establishing of the central secretariat, did in fact play an important role in helping to shape the future of the student newspapers.

Problems affecting efficient and standard journalism never failed to pass the editors' attention.

Topics such as ethics, production, advertisements, and quality of the work produced too received the same sympathy and consideration from among the editors as did the question of censorship threats which some university editors experienced.

In its annual report WORONI referred to an incident where censorship threat was eminent. Defending the rights of the Press and the charter of the Students Press, WORONI quoted the various clauses which the editors viewed with great relief and respect.

Like WORONI all other newspaper editors' annual reports tabled before the Conference touched the familiar difficulties of getting a free hand and independent control over the papers.

The most striking feature of the discussion was the question of the response readers gave to the newspapers produced by respective universities. The general impression the editors concluded was that more "kicks" were needed to get readers to take keener interest in the paper.

One university newspaper

went to the extent of publishing articles on sex to stimulate the interest. Results: My word! It worked.

All the same, it was the general feeling among the editors that only through the publication of more controversial articles and slanderous hints would the paper get into the readers' hands.

The Conference itself was rather brief and businesslike but by no means dull and monotonous.

Perhaps the compensation the editors received for this rather laborious affair was the splendid party thrown by the organiser which resulted in a delay of not less than one and a half hours on the second morning of the conference besides the inevitable absence of yet a good number of the first day enthusiasts.

What really happened at the party was something to be thankful for. The organiser did a wonderful job getting the editors to forget their solemn business and relax to a much livelier setting.

The newly formed secretariat will have to prove to all the editors that what it

can do in later years would by far outshine the now deceased A.U.P.

It will undoubtedly have a busy time implementing the various plans and recommendations made at the conference, especially the distribution of press releases of news value to all the editors besides producing series of news digests to help other international concerned students newspapers.

As foreseen, the editors felt that the Conference had in the long run benefitted them in many ways. It was not surprising, of course, when they moved a motion which was successfully carried that conference in future should have a longer duration of at least four days.

This would not only give the editors a longer time to scrutinize details, but also ample opportunities of catching up with any of their advanced counterparts in matters relating to business and journalistic technique.

On the whole the atmosphere of the conference was a delightful one but for one unfortunate incident

which really anti-climaxed the gratitude some of the editors had over the warm reception given by the hosts.

LEST WE FORGET
The incident took place in the Queen's College where the editors were accommodated during the conference.

It was alleged that a bespectacled undergrad of the Melbourne University and an inmate of the college itself "rudely" remarked to a few editors of their presence in the dining hall without their coats on, at a casual lunch.

As the "most hurt" editors explained it, it was obvious that there had been some lack of proper organisation in the running of the college or at least such notices asking visitors to put on their coats as they enter the dining hall should have been prominently placed on the notice board for the convenience of visitors to note.

"After all, during vacations it is not necessarily always to be that formal editors who would rather at lunch," stated one of the not have his name quoted.

"A gentleman is the last thing that I would like to be thought of as being; the very last thing."

Bob Reece.

Rumoured: that the S.R.C. received a letter from the Vice-Chancellor to the effect that anyone involved in any rag concerning the Graduation Ceremony would be expelled forthwith. Any comment?

Heard recently on a local radio station: Film star: "I use * Toilet Soap not only for my complexion, but also for my bath."

To what depths have we sunk to necessitate the checking of all out books before we leave the library?

Fun and games at the Hall! After her vacation, a female student returned to the Hall at night, to find that her key would not open the door to her room. After more than an hour of frantic searching for someone in authority, the damsel in distress found the warden, and was informed that the said lock had been changed in her absence. She was not amused.

"But I like taking off stockings."

Malcolm.

From the report of the Intersarsity Rugby in Perth, you'd never know that the minimum legal age for drinking in a hotel is 21 in W.A.

Also during Intersarsity in Perth: One of our bright boys deep in his cups, mistook a fire extinguisher for a further supply of vodka, and did his best to down the contents.

"I didn't recognise Jeremy with his trousers on."

Pat Hughson.

A lawyer was on a ship wrecked not far from shore in a sea abounding in sharks. He volunteered to swim ashore with a line, and, to everyone's amazement, made it.

"What a miracle!" exclaimed a clergyman to a doctor. "Why didn't those sharks attack him?"

"Oh," replied the doctor, "it was just professional courtesy."

CROOK'S JOB

Dr. Keith A. W. Crook, who has been appointed to a new lectureship in geology in the School of General Studies of the Australian National University, has taken up duty.

Dr. Crook holds the degrees of Master of Science of the University of Sydney and Doctor of Philosophy of the University of New England. He has recently returned from two years' study at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, where he held a Post-doctoral Research Fellowship of the National Research Council of Canada.

Dr. Crook is 27 years of age and married. He and his wife are living at University House.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

A conference of overseas students was held during the First Term Vacation between 22nd-25th May. It was sponsored by the NUAUS and the overseas student societies. The theme of the Conference was "The Overseas Students in Australia."

The objectives were general:

(a) to achieve greater co-ordination between the overseas student bodies.

(b) to discuss the problems which confront overseas students studying in Australia.

(c) to consider the contribution which they can make by this country and to their own.

(d) ways in which Australian students can participate more fully in the activities of overseas students.

ities of overseas students.

(e) ways in which Australian students can take greater responsibility in imparting a better knowledge of Australia to overseas students, and

(f) to give an opportunity to raise and attempt to deal with any Australian policies that are a hindrance to better relationships.

The idea for the Conference initially came from Mr. Y. C. Lee in Adelaide and was taken up by NUAUS at its Annual Council Meeting in February of this year. The Asian Student Federation had wanted to hold a Conference of this type and so have given it their fullest support.

Since Easter informal meetings have been held

each Wednesday at the University to discuss the Conference. Representatives of the Asian Student Federation, Borneo Students Association, Indonesian Students Association, Students Chinese Cultural Club, Ceylonese and Colombo Plan Students as well as the Royal Melbourne and Caulfield Technical College and NUAUS have attended.

Several people have promised to speak at the Conference including Mr. Zanuddin, formerly a tutor with the Department of Indonesian Studies; Mr. Thwaites formerly a lecturer in English; Mr. Priestley, Senior Student Counsellor, and several Asian and Australian students and recent graduates.

The Conference itself was divided into full conference

sessions and discussion groups. At the Conference session the speakers presented their ideas and these were discussed and in the discussion groups everybody who attended the Conference was given an opportunity to express their own ideas. At the conclusion of the Conference a report of all ideas of the speakers and the discussion groups were compiled and a plan for future action formulated.

The Honourable Sir Charles Lowe consented to speak at the opening of the Conference at Wilson Hall at the University on May 22. On the final night there was a dinner for delegates to the Conference.

John Langmore.

BACK TO THE BUSH

How to be an Australian

Inspired by the dramatic success of last year's Bush Week, its inseparable organisers, cobbles Reece and Martin, are working on the master plan of this year's solemnities.

Originally conceived as a light-hearted answer to WUS Week, our crusade is developing into a crusade towards national consciousness.

In the words of A. G. Martin, boundary rider extraordinary, to Sir Dallas Brooks, "The Australian ethos faces a black future. National customs and traditions recorded as early as the 1930's are fast being submerged under the debris racially and culturally inferior nationalities."

Cobbles Reece and Martin feel a vocational duty to restore this folklore of their forefathers to its pristine beauty and primeval originality.

Questioned on the actual date of the Bush Week fix-

tures, Mr. Reece stated unequivocally that "he hadn't a clue."

By way of explanation, he said: "Bush Week, essentially a spontaneous outburst of national feeling of the purest mystical and spiritual nature, is necessarily immune to the dictates of temporal and local mensuration."

WORONI, although usually adverse to prophecies and conjectures of any kind, assures its readers that Bush Week will take place during second term.

Mr. Reece also gave WORONI some idea of the activities that may take place:-

1. Guessing competitions of a highly original nature.

e.g. How many boiled lollies in the beer bottle? How many banksia men in the beer barrel?

2. Talks and lectures of no inconsiderable educational value.

e.g. "The influence of Arunta literature on the

works of Patrick White." (Accompanied by coloured lantern slides.)

"The cretin as a social problem in country towns." (Live specimens on display.)

3. Energetic physical exercises (not too phrenetic)

e.g. bunyip tracking, organised walks to Gundaroo and Bungendore. "Hunt the beer bottle." "Skin the Dingo."

And for the womenfolk: Post-hole digging competition, mia-mia making, timber clearing.

These examples are intended to give the reader some idea of the divergent interests catered for by the Bush Week organisers.

The celebrations will be consummated by the traditional "Bush Ball" (otherwise known as the "Shearers' Delight") in the Common Room.

Learn to be an Australian and make Bush Week a success. Proceeds will go to Abschol.

BARE TRUTH

PERTH, Thursday: In the early hours of this morning male students from Currie Hall entered St. Catherine's Womens College for a two a.m. shower. The operation was carried out in complete silence until the showers were turned on, when they broke out in song and photographed themselves. The only retaliation from the tender inmates was a bucket of water thrown over the photographer, but the raiders made good their escape.

Within three hours the pictures were developed and printed, and the raiders returned, climbing through a window and trampling over a Sister Kates' girl who slept through it all. The pictures were displayed on the notice-board and the raiders retired, sleepless but triumphant.

One report has it that a woman opened the door before the singing started, saw nine men in the shower, said "Excuse me," and went back to bed.

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EDITORIAL COLUMN

THE RIGHT OF A FREE PRESS

IT IS ESSENTIAL that the status of a University newspaper should be determined not by its economic controllers but in accordance with the dictates of free speech which we hold so dear.

There is at present a marked clash between University administrations, S.R.C. and international student bodies proceeding on this very bone of contention—status of University newspapers.

It is a welcome sign to see Farrago divorce itself from direct S.R.C. censorship and adopt the attitude that "The elimination of the direct censorship powers of the executive is a most welcome improvement in the management of the paper."

At present this newspaper, WORONI, has its functions delimited by S.R.C. regulations. Any direct editorial contravention of these regulations may be stopped at the direction of the S.R.C. Their attitude is that "we pay for the paper, it is our official organ." The result of such iniquity is illustrated by a further quotation from Farrago:

"On various occasions in the past unnecessary friction has been caused by executives objecting to material criticism of the S.R.C.G.S. contrary to S.R.C. policy.

"In one notorious instance a number of years ago, the entire issue of Farrago was burnt because S.R.C. executives felt the leading article was not consistent with the policy which they were pursuing."

The arbitrary control of newspapers is not limited to Australia. At London, SENNET, official organ of the Students' Union (U.L.U.), was recently subjected to censorship by the Presidents' Council. The Editor resigned. In Manchester the paper was suppressed until all "undesirable matter" had been removed. In that august sanctum of learning, Oxford, the Administration censored articles written on a series of public lectures delivered by the academic staff there.

Such interference is only justified when the statements are against the law of the country concerned. We deprecate the suppression of University papers in certain dictatorships in Southern America and elsewhere when it stems from the arbitrary discretion of the ruling political faction. Are we to condone it when it stems from University authorities?

The funds of the Students' Association are not owned but merely controlled by the S.R.C. The student body as a whole should be the censors of a paper if the "we pay for it" theory is to be pushed ad absurdum!!! But this is ridiculous!!! All papers are financed by somebody—if a person buys a newspaper, and thus presumably pays for it, he is not entitled to shut it down merely because his susceptibilities are hurt.

The editor should have every power to print or delete anything he likes, if he exceeds the bounds and becomes liable for defamation, then the individual defamed is free to bring an action, not to have the right of censorship.

TILTING AT WINDMILLS

Anticipating, that I will probably be accused of assuming what I am attempting to prove, I state that my aim in this article is to explain as simply as possible, and to the best of my ability, the Catholic vision of life.

I do not intend to put forward a rigorous demonstration of the logic of Catholicism. I do not think that a student newspaper should become the arena for the most subtle and rigorous philosophical and theological controversies—however worthy such activities are.

Hence I entrust these problems to be thrashed out in other medias. In short, I do not apologise for what I shall state, but rather for its presentation.

Man's fulfilment, and thus his perfect happiness, can only come through the contemplation of a Perfect

Being. Which we call God. Now, it can be realised that God exists by our contact with His material creation.

However, since by 'God' we should understand the principle of all things, there is no prior source from which God comes.

His essence or intrinsic nature has to be His existence of actuality. HE IS.

In other words, to know God as He is in Himself (rather than to know of God) would be to see Him sensibly—which is impossible solely by human effort.

What is the solution to this impasse? There must be a via media between the confidence to reach all truth that can be known by the light of natural reason, and the hopeless despair which denies all knowledge of God through reason. Hence we are not surprised

by a whole realm of truth which transcends our natural knowledge.

By faith we know that God's love for men is unequivocal and that because of His Love He has gratuitously willed that man should share His own Divine Life.

Man is supernaturally raised above his habitual He has revealed his own inner life, the Trinity—i.e. He is one God in which there are three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Articles of faith are those truths which are not arrived at by the light of natural reason, but rather are truths which are revealed by God, and are necessary for salvation.

By faith man disposes himself to believing what God has revealed. The link between heaven and earth, faith, gives "substance to our hopes, convinces us of

the things we cannot see." (Heb. XI, i). It is a habit of mind whereby eternal life is begun.

In the first book of the Bible we read of the fall of Man, how Adam wilfully forfeited the gifts of God, and how human nature became distorted. We also read that God would one day send a Messiah who would reconcile mankind to God.

In John's gospel we read that God "so loved the world as to give his only begotten son." From this passage we have a glimpse of the whole economy, the whole scheme of salvation, by which God the Son, the second person of the Trinity, became man in Palestine, where he preached and gave His commandments.

Fulfilling His mission by dying on the cross. Rising

from the dead as He foretold, and, having fully accomplished the work of Redemption, He ascended by and soul to heaven.

To believe in these mysteries implies far more than mere notional assent. It implies the desire to know and live them: they are the only means to God. They are principles which have to transform our lives.

Since their object is God, to know God means to become sharers in His life, a process which calls for increasing purification; knowledge turns to love of God.

In the next issue of WORONI, it is intended to consider in more detail the great mysteries of Christ, His Incarnation, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension.

R. de Viana,
For the Newman Society.

A CONCILIAR PANORAMA

This year's S.R.C. is again predominantly composed of experienced members from previous councils. All deserve to be reintroduced to the student electorate. The new Kingpin, lawyer R. G. Fraser, was a member of the 1958 S.R.C. and co-opted last year on the resignation of Mary Eccles and Tony May. A 21-year-old, he is characterized by a forceful and multisyllabic mode of speech backed by a keen intellect and a wide spectrum of interests, drama, debating and politics. He has not shown any great interest in sport, but as he was a part timer last year he will be aware of the problems of the dichotomous lives of these people, who are too often labelled "apathetic." At his inaugurating S.R.C. meeting he stressed the desirability of working in harmony and is prepared to work very hard for students' rights, of which he is rightly conscious.

Don Brewster, the new Treasurer, has again shown his hard working initiative by taking on this thankless task despite the fact that he is an arts student and a classicist. Having now been at this university for three years full time, he is remarkably well informed about student affairs and has a ready manner which makes him an excellent liaison officer with the staff and administration.

The next "old timer" is John Newman, a final year Stats Cadet, and one of the two to be so. Last year's treasurer, he has eschewed the post due to the opprobrium which fell on him whenever instant figures were not forthcoming. He is taking an active part in the various sub-committees this year. He plays hockey for the Uni seconds and is a first grade cricketer during the summer vacation.

Gwilym Davies appears almost a perennial in student affairs. He springs up everywhere. Last year's President of the Sports Council he is now entering his third term on the S.R.C.

He was very active in the Social Committee last year too. To add to his list of credits, he is an A grade debater, active A.L.P. Club member, firsts Rugby player and has a very successful academic record too. I do not think it would be too inauspicious to recognise in him a future S.R.C. President especially when a few rough edges of too much success too soon rub off. He is twenty two this year.

Geoff Roberts was also re-elected to the S.R.C. for the Science faculty. If you have seen his blazer you will realise how successful his school record was. Now in his third year, he is still eighteen years of age. He was not markedly active last year and probably needs to widen his interests a little. He played under eighteen football which he has now relinquished for Australian Rules. We expect that his schoolboy talents will be re-evidenced this year in the S.R.C.

Finally there is Nos., known as the Squire by some uninformed who don't realise that his actual P.S. status is considerably higher. He is one of the two part timers of the S.R.C. and is the Vice-President. A one-time Adelaide University student, he was a full timer last year and has now returned to the Service. He is in his second year—and has a wealth of knowledge about student politics and procedure. He was an unsuccessful candidate in 1958, but he has been on the S.R.C. ever since and was long secretary of the Sports Union. His voice should be of great help for part time opinion. Twenty-seven years old.

The newcomers probably deserve more of an introduction and are a more variegated selection.

Dave Funnell is a second year student in the Science Faculty. He has been active in Rugby Union since his arrival here. He also has experience of part liming and belongs to the old Narellan crew. Recently he showed great histrion-

ic ability in the Revue. Dave is President of the Sports Union which is determined to sever itself from the S.R.C.

Shirley Jessop provides an interesting counter point to the younger councillors. She is the new secretary of the S.R.C. Has already graduated with a B.A. and is doing another degree. Having already attended Sydney University; worked at the Library here and being well known to the older students, she should replace Alyce Brazier very capably.

Graham Hargreaves is a third year economist, who plays an efficient game of Rugby and is on the Sports Union in an executive capacity. A burly young man who is mature beyond his years, he should have a welcome effect on the more irresponsible students. He too, is on the Social Committee and other S.R.C. sub-committees.

Peter Simpson is another Stats cadet of nomean talents. Twenty-one year old Peter has experienced both part timing and full timing too. He also attended Perth University before taking up his cadetship. He has been President of the Hockey Club and in the Uni firsts and A.C.T. Colts hockey team. A successful year is expected from him.

Roger Clements is another young member of the S.R.C. A second year Science student, Roger was Under 18 football captain in his first year and has been picked to represent the A.C.T. Under 18 side. We hope his organising abilities will be extended from the field to the board room.

Alastair Davidson, the president Editor of WORONI, was also elected to the S.R.C. A third year Law-Arts student, Alastair is twenty-one and has been both a part and full timer. He attended London University in 1957. He is a committee member of the Debating Society and was a sportsman in his early years at Uni. Having travelled very widely he may do a great deal to extend S.R.C. vistas.

OUR OLD S.R.C.

The Editor has already wished the new S.R.C. good fortune. He must now pay tribute to the outgoing S.R.C. It would be mere pretence to maintain that there has been no friction between the S.R.C. and the Editor. He has, however, always received co-operation on matters such as expenses, printers and other practical problems incurred in the running of a newspaper.

When Mr. Ryan was elected, Mr. George Martin, ex-editor, wrote "With a solid background of service and University life, Peter seems ideally suited to the job." It was a difficult period of transition which he handled admirably.

Last year we were an affiliate College of Melbourne University. This year we are a University. Last year accommodation was poor. Now we have the Hall. All these changes occurred during his administration and no doubt caused considerable extra work. His recent efforts in the Findlay affair are indeed commendable. Thank you, Peter.

The rest of the S.R.C. probably deserves equal space, however they must imagine the volume of praise that is due to them!

AND THEIR DEATH RATTLE

The first important item on the agenda was a motion that £20 be granted to the Law Society to help meet the cost of sending two Canberra entrants to the Inter-Varsity Moot in Adelaide during the May vacation.

Although there was general agreement that the Law Society should receive financial support, there was a strong opinion that a definite policy for grants to affiliated societies should be worked out before any funds were released.

The President's point, that such policy making was not appropriate at this late stage of the present S.R.C.'s term of office, was unsupported and consequently the motion was lost.

Mr. Davies submitted a comprehensive finance scheme for balls and dances, which was accepted, with the proviso that ultimate authority in these matters should be vested in the

chairman of the Social Committee.

Mr. Mackerras' plea, "I don't like responsibility," was ignored.

Treasurer Newman at last showed he had the financial situation highly organised and well under control with the unexpected statement that "This is the first S.R.C. to have spent within its means."

There was a hush-hush discussion, which, with regard for the feelings of Mr. Nosworthy, who wanted the window closed as a "security precaution," is not reported.

Other motions carried were:

1. The newly established Science Society is to be affiliated with the S.R.C.
2. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Gleeson to truck owners for their help on Canberra Day.
3. Mr. Mackerras to be returning S.R.C. officer.

Scientific Breakthrough

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF A WOMAN

Symbol: Wo.
Accepted atomic weight: 120.
Physical properties: Boils at 100°C and freezes any metal. Melts when properly heated. Very bitter if not well used.
Occurrence: Found wherever ever man is.
Chemical properties: Possesses great affinity for gold, silver, platinum and precious stones. Violent reac-

tion if left alone. Able to absorb great amount of food matter. Turns green when placed beside a better looking specimen.
Uses: Highly ornamental, useful as a tonic in acceleration of low spirits and an equaliser in distribution of wealth. Is probably most effective income-reducing agent known.
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The Subject

Sir,
In the March issue of WORONI Bruce McLaughlin mentioned the need for student concessions. What has the S.R.C. done about it?

The Question

A Students' Association card could be issued as identification, with the names of business firms willing to give concessions printed on the back. Unfortunately, these firms are not going to ask us if we would like concessions; we must approach them.

One major item of expenditure is books. If our local booksellers are unwilling to offer discount, the S.R.C. should consider establishing a University Bookshop. Initially it might appear an expensive way to save money, but even after offering students discount, if well managed, it should soon be paying handsome dividends to the S.R.C. The bookshop might well form the foundation of an A.N.U. publishing house which we are certain to have some day.

Is constructive action too much to ask of our S.R.C.?
KEITH BLACKBURN.

The Answer

(I personally spent a day canvassing Canberra shops, including bookshops, with a view to obtaining concessions. I had no success. At present the Research Students' Association receives discounts, and we hope to arrange some method of joining this Association with a view to receiving the same treatment from shortsighted Canberra shopkeepers.—EDITOR.)

He wants

YOU!

have a University magazine called PROMETHEUS, which is produced at irregular annual intervals.

Its production depends on the support of you, the students.

You are the living breath, the life, of the cultural youth of Canberra. It is upon you to express this spirit, to develop those powers of leadership which will be demanded of you in later years.

"Prometheus" is the field in which this spirit is given full play. We want your ideas on any subject.

It is our intention to show our critics among the masses that a university is the centre of trenchant criticism and of creative ideas. So write! Contribute your articles, poetry, any literary work, so that the standard of this year's "Prometheus" is the highest ever.

But do not think that anything you write will be accepted. We want the best this university can produce.

Give of your best —

We need your support!

She wants

The A.C.T. Debating Union is holding its 1961 Annual Competition, commencing on the 15th May, 1961. As the competition goes on for more than a month, absence from Canberra does not completely preclude you from entering. There are three grades in the competition, catering for both experienced speakers and complete novices.

Could anybody interested please contact members of the Committee — George Martin at the Hall of Residence, Room ??; Heather Sutherland or Alastair Davidson. As the entries close

in the near future, the sooner you notify us the better. People participating in the competition will be considered for the Inter-varsity competition.

The Debating Society also wishes to announce that a Staff versus Students debate will be held shortly.

Heather Sutherland,
Secretary.

They want

The following urgent Extraordinary Resolution has been moved by the Vice-President with the support of the President, Executive member without portfolio and the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer:—

THAT in view of the valuable role played by the Student Mirror as an independent international student press service and of the financial exigencies now affecting it, this Union make a token donation of £A10 to the Student Mirror in 1961.

This motion has arisen from the announcement by the Editors of the Student Mirror in their March 1, 1961, issue that unless financial assistance is forthcoming, the next issue must be the last. They say:

"At present we have no more funds with which to continue our work. The generous private support which for the past ten years has made the regular publication of the Student Mirror possible, will end on March 31. So far we have been unable to find new donors in spite of months of trying."

These resolutions are among those adopted at the 9th I.S.C. concerning the Student Mirror:—

"The Conference expresses its satisfaction with the work of the Student Mirror in the past year and its continued improvement.

"The Conference notes that the Student Mirror is one of the most widely read and most often quoted publications in the student world, and it believes that the Student Mirror is providing to the student press, to unions of students, to individual students and in general to the student community, a service which is of the utmost importance and usefulness.

"The Conference expresses its pleasure at, and gratitude for, the work of the Student Mirror, especially for the careful attention that it has given to fair reporting and presentation of student news and expresses the hope that this will continue in the future."

The resolutions present adequately any statements I may make in praise of and appreciation for this publication. I recommend the motion above for your wholehearted support.

The results of your decision should be forwarded to the Secretariat not later than Monday, April 17, 1961.

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Editor at the Summit

COMMUNITY Marriage MARKET or in search of TRUTH?

A group of quasi-moderns and neo-traditionalists drawn from the Universities of Western Australia, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, New England, and A.N.U. met in the Adelaide Hills to determine the purpose of Universities in Australia.

After dismissing the obvious purposes (promotion of breweries, wineries and matrimony), and after being addressed by several people, and much debate, the better side of our natures prevailed, and it was decided that in general the purposes of Universities should be to provoke students to thought, and by this means encourage students to search for truth, be it classical or scientific.

After three days preoccupation with the above, delegates turned to lighter things. The A.N.U. delegate learnt how students of many universities enjoyed themselves at Miss University quests, and by participating in "Beerex Round the University Trials," and in the process made money to send to W.U.S. headquarters in Geneva to cover the cost of having Australia included on the latest map of the world.

The A.N.U. delegate returned to Canberra with the avowed intention that the A.N.U. would this year get as much enjoyment out of W.U.S. as any Australian university.

Watch out for details of Canberra's 1961 W.U.S. week that's different!

WHO'S NEW?

Mr. Kenneth Leslie McKay, recently appointed senior lecturer in classics in the School of General Studies of the Australian National University, is expected to arrive in Canberra tomorrow (Wednesday).

Mr. McKay graduated Bachelor of Arts with first class honours in Latin and Greek from the University of Sydney in 1948. A Cooper Travelling Scholarship enabled him to spend two years at Queen's College, Cambridge, and he was awarded his Master of Arts degree with first class honours in classics in 1950.

In the past ten years Mr. McKay has held university teaching appointments in Nigeria and New Zealand. From 1950 to 1956 he was lecturer in classics, including two years as acting head of the Department of Classics, at University College, Ibadan; and from 1956 until his departure for Canberra he was on the staff of the Victoria University of Wellington where he held a senior lectureship in classics.

Mr. McKay is 38 years of age and married, with six children. They will live at Red Hill.

ANOTHER V.I.P.?

Mr. Mus went along to a University Mall. He saw people wriggling like mice being played with by cats. He heard a cacophony of sound called music. Some boys bellowed, boisterously, banging bottles. They were full, to the eyeballs, turning amber with beer. Their eyes rolled ecstatically, their voices rose from the hollowness of their bodies. But, Mr. Mus mused, they aren't empty, how can they make so much noise? Then he realised that their fullness was as transient as their emptiness was everlasting.

(Such is the way of the intellect.)
La Fontana.

A.G.M.

In 1958 the Annual General Meeting was the worst ever (Monday, 30th June, WORONI).

In 1960 "The Annual General Meeting held last week was a disgusting example of mass hysteria."

The WORONI reporter must sadly add a similar tale about this year's A.G.M. The disgusting feature was noise and Martin rolling on the floor "frothing inane comments, about sundry subjects." It is sad to see an ex-editor so carried away by his emotions.

Some constructive motions were carried. One, moved by Mr. Davies, concerned compulsory lecture attendance. The administration is to be approached for a statement of policy on this matter.

Another concerned the late arrival of scholarships. The administration will be asked to intervene with the authorities on this matter too!

The status of the A.N.U. Hall was mooted too. The students are now to have first option to use it if their wishes are granted.

The new S.R.C. was belatedly announced. Little else was said although there was continuous shouting and abuse.

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I WRITE AS I PLEASE

by IBRAHIM ARIFF

(Editor's note: The Columnist had served for years for three influential Malayan newspapers, The Straits Times, The Malay Mail and Berita Harian, apart from contributing items to the Reuters through the Malayan agencies. Noted for his experiences in the field of journalism, Mr. Ariff was assigned to represent WORONI at the A.U.P. conference held at Melbourne recently.)

It is a pity really that most of us seldom take an serious interest in matters affecting human rights and freedom on much bigger scale. In other universities students and student organisations risk themselves "fighting" for and "demanding" such rights especially if these rights are abused through aggression and political disturbances. What have we done so far? What are our feelings like? Are we not going to do something for it to change it for the better if a situation just crops up?

Well, this is something for us to think about, unless we prefer to remain oblivious.

We are now already midway in our struggle to pass our exams this year to be able either to graduate or continue our courses next year. But whatever we may be aiming at, there are so many other things we ought to do as well. These of course refer to the Asia students in particular and the whole university in general.

We must not deny the fact that we are, in our little way, ambassadors of our own countries. We will one day leave our Australian friends and return to our respective homes, and, like wise, the Australian students too will have to miss us when we finally bid "sayonara." But things don't just end there.

With us we shall be carrying home the various impressions we may have had of our stay here with our Australian friends in the course of our struggle for existence and education. We shall be telling our children, and our people, of the impressions that we may have formed by them. These impressions are not formed overnight. An essential element in forming the impression is the getting-to-know-you principle. And we just can't know people until we share their understanding and appreciation. This university, like all others, is the ideal playground and basic centre where the formation of impressions takes place. We have ourselves to blame for any misunderstanding or racial differences if we do not make use of the splendid opportunities offered to us.

A true university education does not aim at collecting volumes of texts to treasure in our bookcases; it includes education in the field of international relationship and goodwill as well.

To the Colombo Plan students lies the responsibility of repaying for the help and assistance given by Australia to them. And

they can do this better by showing their gratitude and appreciation through worming their confidence into the hearts of their Australian friends in particular, and the Australians, as a nation, in general.

At the recent buffet party held at the Common Room at Childers Street, at which the Asian students played hosts to their Australian friends, it was agreed that an East-West Club should be formed in order to foster better understanding and closer international relationship.

The idea at first stimulated a great deal of personal interest among those present that night, and even a few days later many Australian students repeatedly enquired as to when the club would be formed.

Unfortunately, most of the Asian students changed their minds and expressed their reluctance in getting the club formed. In fact, they did not feel any necessity for the club at all. They preferred to gain friendship in their own oriental way—by getting to know just a few "good friends" rather than having a hundred acquaintances.

One of them, perhaps not yet fully recovered from his overdose of frustration, yelled, "Why?! How many of those guests ever thanked us that night for the meal?"

Well, at this rate, I personally feel that the club will never be formed at all. Somebody refused to give in.

"East is East, and West is West,
Never the twain shall meet."

After each publication, copies of WORONI were always displayed in various convenient places for the students to pick them (one each, of course!). But how many ever did so?

Incidentally, when the copies disappeared, came a series of exclamations: "Where is my copy?"

Perhaps no special interest is paid to the paper just because it happens to be free. I wonder what it would be like if a student is made to pay for it whether he likes it or not, as he enrolls or re-enrolls each year. Remember, papers are not printed to be thrown away.

Sometimes I wonder if it is really worth putting up such posters with such bold letters which read SILENCE in our library. At the rate things are going now such posters could be conveniently substituted with "SPEAK SOFTLY," or "NOT TOO LOUD HERE," or "SHUT UP IF YOU SEE THE LIBRARIAN COMING."

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INTERVARSITY INTERCOURSE

They had a ball

The newly formed Australian football team went to Brisbane to play football, but did not let this aim prevent their enjoying much social life and not-so-light refreshment.

For the first time, an A.N.U. team took part in an Intersvarsity Carnival at Brisbane, and although it was not altogether victorious, the team showed the other Universities that there is a University of Canberra, whose members are capable of holding their own both on and off the field of sport.

Due to the necessary purchase of a set of jumpers, the trip was not subsidised by the Sports Council, and the club is grateful to that body for the faith which it showed in us in granting us as much financial assistance as it did. Because of this, and because of leave difficulties with some members of the Public Service, a bare twenty players left Canberra in very high spirits.

The train trip to Brisbane was accomplished with a few difficulties, one player being almost left behind due to excessive care for a somewhat excessively heavy suitcase, which was soon to become considerably lighter, and another player, later to become one of the dominating personalities of the carnival, had a disagreement with a train conductor, affectionately termed "Waxy Maxy."

The team arrived at Brisbane on Sunday morning and was taken to the Caravan Park where it was to stay, but circumstances drove them in search of better accommodation, and so they settled down economically into the Regatta Hotel.

On Monday, the team played Adelaide, the eventual Carnival winners, and were trounced 170 to 30, although this was not a fair indication as far as Canberra was concerned, as the backs, notably Ken Johnston, Ross Pond and Barry O'Grady, played magnificent football, whereas the forward play was ragged and confused and many scoring opportunities were lost.

Perhaps the greatest difficulty the team met was that whereas every other team played in some local competition, we had played only scratch matches, and I think this was clearly demonstrated by the improvement shown on each appearance.

That night a cocktail party was arranged and alcohol and females were provided, with an eye to the ball on Wednesday night.

This on top of the proximity of the hotel bar resulted in a somewhat bedraggled team taking the field against Sydney, who had come within two goals of beating Western Australia the day before.

However, once more due to strong back play and a domination of the centre by Brian Lilley, we were in front at half-time, only to allow a fitter Sydney team to score seven goals in the third quarter with the wind and win by 80 points to 59.

Then followed a short sojourn to the National Hotel where Melbourne and Adelaide were staying and a hazy night was had by all, several spanners being seen in operation and a prominent team member being warned off the main street to more appropriate premises.

However, we were still determined to break the ice so after being threatened with eviction for the third night in a row, 13 of the 14 team members at the hotel seated themselves in the saloon on the dot of ten, and it was nothing short of a miracle that we had 18 men on the field 24 hours later to do battle with Queensland.

By this stage, injuries were abundant, full-back Ken Johnston was unable to play, and several other players could barely walk. In spite of this, the team led again at half-time and were defeated only by a narrow margin. In this match, the backs were hit by injuries and did not live up to their previous form, whereas the forwards and rovers Jimmy Bradshaw and Darby Munro combined brilliantly at times to score 9 goals 3 behind, this accuracy bearing witness to the teamwork displayed.

Although this was only a small team, I think it would be fair to say that the speed and determination displayed by it in general was sincerely admired by their opponents and by members of the crack Melbourne and Adelaide teams, and I think that several Sydney players in particular learnt to respect their Canberra opponents.

Despite the alcoholic haze hanging over several of the players, I was really pleased to see the team spirit that developed throughout the week, and I know by the end of the week I was proud to say that I came from Canberra. Also, the comradeship that sprung up between

players from the different Universities was such that almost everyone was already planning to go to Adelaide next year.

On the Wednesday night, after a Canberra-Tasmania party in the beer garden, the Ball was held in the Clubhouse of the QLTA at Milton.

The next day, most of the team migrated to Surfer's Paradise for the day. The week ended with a dinner on Friday night, after which almost 150 students completely overwhelmed the

Regatta Hotel amidst wild scenes resembling the Congo riots.

After 10 p.m., parties raged throughout the National Hotel until all hours of the morning, concluding a wonderful week.

Games were won and lost, but that took a distant second to the friendships that were made or renewed, and to the feast of entertainment provided by the Queensland Intersvarsity Committee.

Next year, probably a much stronger Canberra team will go to Adelaide, and I am looking forward to the day when Canberra can play host at such an Intersvarsity Carnival.

Geoffrey H. Roberts.

MEANWHILE, ON THE HOME FRONT:

Men's Hockey teams felt the absence of many players, the few who were left to hold the fort being too few to manage it.

Severely weakened over the holidays, University teams have been decisively beaten for two weeks. On May 13th, A Grade drew with Waratah 2-2, A Reserve lost to Barton 2-1, and B1 to Barton 6-1.

The match against Waratah was extremely fast, with University leading 1-0 at half time. Immediately after half time Waratah scored two goals in quick succession.

After many futile raids on the Waratah goal, Uni was awarded a penalty penalty, from which Vic Gleeson levelled the score.

The A Reserve team played hard, John Newmar scoring an unorthodox goal off a short corner. They were unlucky not to draw, if not win.

At Jerrabomberra the B1 team put up a gallant fight, but were effectively beaten by the more experienced side.

On May 20th, the A Grade team, weakened by the loss of Smithies and Koo, were defeated 4-2 by Old Canberrans in a continually changing game.

Leading at half time by 2-1, Old Canberrans were able to score two more goals through fast forward work.

The A Reserve team lost 10-1 to Presbyterians, University's single being scored by Frank Braithwaite.

Last Saturday, without Smithies, Yeo, Koo, Monroe, Jorgensen and Weir, University were soundly defeated 10-0 by St. Patricks. The Uni defence was unable to hold off the very

strong and efficient St. Patrick forward line.

The game was marred by a degree of antagonism between the two teams.

Nevertheless, these two defeats are not repeating the general tendency of University hockey teams in recent years. The defeats are a result of an unfortunate and simultaneous loss of players combined with meeting two strong, well-organised teams.

The A Reserve team lost 4-2 to R.M.C. The score does not, however, give a true indication of the fortunes of the match. A Reserve was also weakened by loss of players, and this resulted in the appearance of several hitherto unknown and unappreciated hockey "stars."

The team had eleven players, which was quite remarkable to start with, and was notable both in its appearance and style of play. Due to revolutionary position play and many new interpretations of hockey tactics, R.M.C. was at times both bewildered and amazed.

Our team was able to out traditional attacking moves by R.M.C. by its originality, and the opponents could not predict any future moves. (Could we?)

Both the goals were scored by Keith Blackburn, ably assisted by Ernie Kruck. The defence was united by Jim McKay and Neil Tuckwell.

Mention must be made of Peter Simpson's selection as Vice-Captain of the A.C.T. Colts team for this year.

UNION GOES WEST

The A.N.U. sent a Rugby Union team to Perth to prove that Canberrans could hold as much liquor as students from any other University.

Last week the Rugby team competed in the Intersvarsity carnival at Perth. In all, eight universities were represented: Sydney, New South Wales, New England, Queensland, Melbourne, Adelaide, Western Australia and ourselves.

The eventual winner of the Ashai Trophy was Sydney, and New South Wales won the Kanematsu Cup.

Our team had a tough draw, having to play Sydney first match, followed the next day by the home team, Western Australia.

After a hard fight, Sydney scraped home to a 42-0 victory. However, we put up a good showing against W.A., only being defeated 26-6. Actually it was only two tries to one against, but the home team's goal-kicker landed six penalties and one conversion from nine attempts—a good effort, eh Dave!

Then came our moment of glory—on the football field, that is—when we beat Adelaide 12-6. The play was not of a very high standard on either side, due mainly to the 'condition' of the teams.

At this stage of the proceedings no team, except maybe the home team, was feeling very fit, mainly because of the magnificent time given to all visitors.

The hospitality took more casualties than the football during the week.

A glance at the programme justifies my saying this—Monday night, a cocktail party with free drink (and 100 eligible women); Tuesday, dance; Wednesday, all day trip to Rottnest Island (12 miles offshore from Fremantle) with a bar on board, and a pub at the island; Friday night, Intersvarsity dinner, with a free supply of Swan Lager, from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m.

From this you can see that it was a fantastic trip. And besides all this there were many trips to the Captain Stirling Hotel, resulting in many sore heads the next day—ask Sav Harasymiv, Dave Funnell, Brian Gunoorie, etc., all about it.

We did do somewhat better in the boat racing, coming third after being beaten by Sydney in a somewhat dubious contest. The team in the order of "rowing,"

was Ian James, Mel Bungy, Tony Ordish, Tony Whillam, Ian McDougall and "Scully" Archer. With so much practice during the week, it was no wonder that our crew sprinted so well.

Before I leave the 'Varsity trip, I would like to offer a word of congratulations to Mel Bungy, who played well enough to be chosen in the Combined Universities team to play the W.A. State side.

Since the last edition of WORONI, and before the trip, the Firsts and Seconds played four matches. Each grade has had three victories and one defeat.

The Firsts defeated Easts 32-0, lost to Norths 21-8, defeated Combined Services 25-8, and Goulburn 11-3. The Seconds defeated Easts 31-0, Norths 17-3, lost to Staff 6-5, and defeated Goulburn 12-0.

Both teams at present are well up on the competition ladder, and both should make the semi-finals.

Last, but not least, a few words about the Under 18's. So far they have had a tough trot, winning only one match, and losing two. They defeated Queanbeyan 6-3, lost to R.M.C. 22-6, and to Royals 14-11.

However, they still have enough time to pull up their socks, and should do it with talent like Peter Buchanan, Gene Bridge, Alan Kaye and Roger Clement. These four players were selected in the A.C.T. Under 18 side.

A special word of congratulations for Roger Clement, for being chosen in the Under 18 State side to play against Queensland. We may have had two players in the team if Jon Craig had not been injured. By the way, Jon, how much did you pay Jack Waters for the mention in the Rugby News?

From these comments it is easy to see that the Rugby Union Club is flourishing as it should be. Just the same, we still require more players at training in all grades. More team spirit, both on and off the field, must be shown by everyone concerned. We seem to be lacking in this vital thing at present—let's hope we acquire it in the very near future.

OBSERVER.

SPORT OF WORDS

For the first time, a Canberra team took part in the annual Intersvarsity Moot competition, this year held in Adelaide.

The team, Peter Ryan and Ron Fraser, lost in the first round by the narrowest of margins (sic) to the Tasmanian team, which went on to the finals, and was most unlucky to lose to Sydney.

A high peak of advocacy and analytical perception was reached by John Finnis of Adelaide, who received the prize for the best mooter. He will be a man to watch in academic circles, and seems to be in line for a Rhodes.

Tribute is also paid to Miss University (W.A.), Kathy Ainslie, a most glamorously persuasive advocate.

Great interest in the technique and substance of the law was generated by the general excellence of the debaters, and the blow of early losing was softened by the cordiality and hospitality accorded us by our Adelaide hosts.

To them we extend our heartfelt thanks, and the greatest of good luck.

R.G.F.

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